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the 20th March, 1911, commencing at 2 P.M.,
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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
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Comprising:—

Hall Stands and Cabinets by Warings,
London, Silk Tapestry Drawing Room
Suite and Curtains by Warings, London,
Engravings and Paintings Austrian
and Armenian Carpets, Blackwood
Ware, Brass and Bronze Ware, &c., &c.
Dining Room Suite, Morocco-covered
Arm Chairs and Bookcases by Maribank,
Cutlery, Glass and Crockery Ware, &c., &c.
Brass Bedsteads and Bed Room Suites of
Italian Werkmeister, Chesterfield Sofas
and Chairs, Silk and Lace Curtains, &c.,
&c., Enameled Bath Tubs with Fittings,
One American Ice Chest; a large number
of Palms, Ferns, &c. in Pots;

One Grand Piano by Newmann, Ham-
burg, and One large Fire Resisting Safe by
Milner.

On View from Saturday, 18th inst.
Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 1, 1911. 207

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

WEDNESDAY,
the 22nd March, 1911, at 11 A.M., at No. 3
GODOWN, WEST POINT,

A quantity of
STEEL, PLANT, CHILLED ROLLS,
&c.,

Belonging to a Minting Machine.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 17, 1911. 369

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

WEDNESDAY,
the 22nd March, 1911, at 2.30 P.M., at our
Sales Rooms, No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD,
Corner of Ice House Street,

A COLLECTION OF
IRISH LINENS, &c.,

Comprising:—
White Linen Ladies' Chemises, Under-
skirts, Nightdresses, Knickers, Damask
Table Cloths and Serviettes, Turkish
Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Linen
Sheets, Pillow Cases, Embroidered Bed-
spreads, Tea, Table and Glass Cloths, Bed
Sheets, Lace Curtains,
&c., &c., &c., &c.,

A few Travelling Trunks, One Girl's
Bicycle, Fancy Goods;

And

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 17, 1911. 388

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

THURSDAY,
the 23rd March, 1911, at 2.20 P.M., at
No. 20, SHAW-KI-WAN ROAD,

(nearly opposite the Royal
Yacht Club).—

A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
as follows:—

Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstand,
Writing Desks, Extension Dining Table
and Chairs, Sideboards, Crockery Ware,
&c.,

Also

A few Hammocks, One Rickscha and One
Bicycle;

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 18, 1911. 374

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from J. R. BOULTON, Esq., to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,
the 27th April, 1911, at 2.30 P.M., at his
residence, FOREBANK EAST,

144 Magazine Gap,

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BAKERS, March 5, from Hamburg to

BEIJING, February 18, from Port Said to Manila.

BRASILIA, in Brazil.

BREMEN, March 6, from Singapore to

HAMBURG, to Hamburg.

CERVENIA, March 7, from Singapore to

HAMBURG, to Hamburg.

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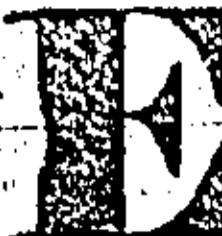
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MARRIAGE.
MILNE-LEMLEIN.—At the Union Church, Hongkong, on 18th March, 1911, ANNIE LEMLIE TO JOHN DUNCAN MILNE.

DEATH.

HYNDLAW, JNR.—On March 12, 1911, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, KENNETH CYRIL, the dearly beloved child of Mr and Mrs Eng. Hyndlaw, Jr.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

2 p.m.—Aviation Meeting at Shatin.
9 p.m.—Lecture at City Hall by Mr Sherwood Eddy, M.A.

MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

2 p.m.—Aviation Meeting at Shatin.
4 p.m.—Annual Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.
9.15 p.m.—Lady Luard 'at Home' at Government House.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 23.—

9 p.m.—Lecture at Union Church Literary Club.
9.15 p.m.—Concert in R. E. Theatre in aid of the Incorporated Soldiers and Sailors' Help Society.

SATURDAY, March 25.—

Inspection of H. R. V. C. by General Officer Commanding.
11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co. Meeting.
8 p.m.—Devonian Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.

MONDAY, March 27.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Public Works Department.

TUESDAY, March 28.—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of China-Borneo Co., Ltd.
3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.
6 p.m.—Entries close for V.R.C. Sports.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1911.

TO CONTROL THE WEATHER.

It is often remarked but all too seldom reflected upon that the present generation of the human race lives in a truly marvellous and wonderful age. Science and engineering are advancing in compound ratio, so that inventions which would have filled even our grandfathers with profound awe and deep amazement are viewed by us as merely matter-of-course developments of skill and genius. In other words, the public has reached that stage at which it has made up its mind to be surprised at nothing. But this fact notwithstanding, there is always marked interest aroused as leading men of ideas advance new theories and embark upon fresh experiments, whatever the field be to which they direct their attention. Naturally certain aspects of progress appeal to particular classes of the community, but there are some realms in which to work is to command universal interest. So we need offer no further reason than this for referring to the dreams of an essentially practical man, Mr. FERRANTI, the recently installed President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, on the question of the possibilities of controlling the character of atmospheric conditions. Mr. FERRANTI, who was one of the pioneers of the great movement in electric lighting in the early eighties, outlined his views recently in a stirring inaugural address in connection with the institution named; and although he touched upon a number of questions of more or less burning interest, we intend confining ourselves to the matter just referred to. A writer in the *Indian*

and *Eastern Engineer* sums up the points of the address and at the same time provides a running commentary on the interesting matters spoken of. He says—"The portion of Mr. FERRANTI's address which attracted perhaps more attention than any other, was that in which he proposed that the weather should be controlled. I have held this view for a great many years, since in fact the classical experiment of Lord RAYLEIGH, and the later one of Sir OLIVER LODGE, it will be remembered, in it is Lord RAYLEIGH's and Sir OLIVER's experiments, the particles in a finely divided spray of water are made to coalesce by the aid of an electrical charge, and to fall as rain. Sir OLIVER has developed the process so far as to clear the neighbourhood of, I think, Liverpool University College, when he was there, and Birmingham Mason's Science College, during times of heavy fog, by the aid of his apparatus. Mr. FERRANTI suggests the guarding of our coasts from the invasion of fog, by a series of fog depositing stations. Fog, as is well known, arises from several causes. On the East coast it rolls in from the sea. Last summer I had to go to Newcastle, and when I reached Stockton, the neighbourhood around was covered with a fairly thick mist, which had rolled in from the North Sea. In other parts of the country, mists rise principally in autumn, from the damp ground. Over towns such as London, Birmingham, Glasgow, and the group round Manchester, the matter is complicated by the particles of carbon forming a smoke. It is of course these which make the fog black. Apart from protecting our coasts from fog advancing from the sea, Mr. FERRANTI, as I understand, would disperse mists which arose, and would also prevent the droughts that are so troublesome in certain years, and thereby indirectly prevent the deluges which follow in later periods. It has appeared to me, since I began to study the question some years back, that it is merely a question of money to accomplish this. Whether it is commercially possible, depends upon the cost at which electricity can be generated, and the quantity of electricity required to produce a certain quantity of rain. We know that when we see bright blue skies overhead, there is nearly always a large percentage of moisture present. It does not come down in rain, because the temperature being maintained at a certain figure, the dew point is not reached, and the atmosphere is able to carry all the moisture it possesses without attempting to deposit it. If and when we can produce electrical discharges in the atmosphere, at points where we should like to have moisture, we shall be able to produce rain as we want it. It may be interesting to note that there is an alternative scheme, which may possibly come in to aid. Most of us will have noticed that on a misty day, if the sun shines, the mist disappears; and, on the other hand, in foggy weather, in certain parts of world at any rate, if the temperature suddenly falls, fog supervenes. Hence it appears to me, that if we can arrange to deliver higher temperatures to misty atmospheres, and lower temperatures to bright blue atmospheres, we can disperse fog on the one hand, and rain on the other. Bearing in mind the advances that are being made in the development of refrigeration, and of the knowledge of heat respectively.

Certainly the ideas to which Mr. FERRANTI has given voice are most alluring. He may perhaps for the moment be regarded as little else than an optimistic dreamer; in this matter, but for all that, remembering the rapid consummation within recent years of many another hazy vision, he may also be among the first to pave the way to possibilities which at present appear extremely unsubstantial. The great fight which centred around the development of the telephone and electric light are still remembered by many, while the Röntgen rays and wireless telegraphy, though only of yesterday, have accom-

plished untold marvels. Thus the impossibilities of to-day become the accomplished facts of to-morrow. What a boon it would be for Hongkong to be able to order its rainfall to its own liking and to free itself from the discomforts of muddy fogs! But we are afraid that a good deal of water will flow into Tytan before this happy state be reached. A future generation may perhaps inherit such desirable conditions. But they can hardly be for us.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The English Mail of the 18th February was delivered in London on the 17th March.

The Gazette announces the names of two military hospital assistants who are authorized to grant death certificates.

The Philippine Land Investment Co. Ltd., the Maribuk Rubber Co., Ltd., and the C. & G. Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., have been struck off the register of companies in Hongkong.

The British collier, *Motts*, from Barry Dock to Wal-nut wet with coal, was met by H.M.S. *Newcastle* and ordered to proceed to Hongkong instead. She arrived in port to-day.

Sir Joseph Ward, Premier of New Zealand, speaking at a banquet in Sydney, said that it was idle to deny that, in consequence of foreign naval development, the maintenance of a two-power standard had become impossible for Great Britain. "Our aim," he said, "is to weld the Empire into one great, flexible State for defence purposes, preserving the widest local autonomy, but transferring to a Council or Parliament of Defence all questions involving defence or kindred subjects, including foreign policy, foreign treaties, and international agreements." Sir Joseph Ward suggested the creation of an Imperial House of Representatives and a Senate.

The Lobby correspondent of *The Daily Chronicle* says that he has never known more intense irritation among the Radicals than that which has been caused by the Navy Estimates. Only the constitutional crisis prevents serious defections; even the moderate Liberals are profoundly disquieted at the growth in naval expenditure, which they consider is dictated by the Admirals.

Hu Sze-chin, a censor, has memorialized that high and low in China are poverty-stricken. The Throne should lead the masses in frugality or at least in economy. The memorialist has heard that great building work in the Far East is impending which will require an expenditure of several millions. Such lavish expenditure he declares is most ultimately, to say the least, and should be prevented. The Empress Dowager has submitted the memorial to the Emperor of Japan in consideration of the Imperial goodwill.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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Referring to the naval gunnery tests the United Service Gazette says:—With the 12-pounder guns the China Squadron again heads the merit list with 8,187 hits per minute, the Minotaur being the best ship in the Squadron, the First Division of the Home Fleet being second with 7,648 hits per minute, and the Second Division of the Home Fleet third with 5,855 hits per minute. The best shot with light quick-fires were:—With 12-pounds, Able-Seaman A. Kitson, of the Minotaur (China Station), who made 19.46 hits per minute; with six and three-pounds, First-Class Petty Officer J. Gibney, of the Flora (China Station), who made 21.43 hits per minute; and with three-pounds, Able-Seaman C. McArthur, of the King Edward VII. (Second Division of the Home Fleet), who made 25.71 hits per minute. With the six-pounder and three-pounder guns the Cape of Good Hope Squadron heads the list, with the Forts as best ship, and the China Squadron and Third Division of the Home Fleet are second and third respectively.

The members of the Naval Commission which was appointed by the Turkish Government in November last to visit the United Kingdom and Germany to purchase twenty suitable steamers for conversion into transports are finding some difficulty in arranging terms with owners. As the result of improving freight markets, there is at present an unusually good demand for reinforced tonnage, and the Turkish officers are not inclined to pay too highly for their requirements. Vessels have already been inspected at London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, but so far the only British boat to change hands is the Liverpool-owned steamer *Ottawa*, which has been bought for £20,000. She was built at Belfast nearly thirty years ago, and is of 5,071 tons gross, and will be reconditioned as the former *White Star* liner *Germanic*. In Germany the delegation has been more successful, in negotiations for the transfer of three North German Lloyd liners have been completed:—These are the Oldenburg and the Darmstadt, each of about 5,000 tons, built on the Clyde in 1890, and the Roland, of 3,000 tons, a Tyne production. It is said that the purchase price of the German vessels does not exceed £40,000. Before a return is made to Turkey further visits to British ports are expected.

Emilio Pial le Port and Mollie Pots were arrested on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner in a shop in D'Aguilar Street and doing damage to the extent of about \$40. The case was remanded.

An Indian watchman was charged by Mr. J. Oxberry, manager of the Grand Hotel, with stealing a sheet value \$2, and a sentence of three weeks' imprisonment was imposed by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate this morning.

When the s.s. *Silverside* arrived in port a pantryman sent his luggage and two cases of fish ashore by a sampan man to his house in Yau-tai. Another pantryman knew of this and is alleged to have gone on ahead and received the articles when the owner arrived. He found the two boxes of fish missing. The second pantryman was arrested and he appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy but was discharged.

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CHINA'S "SWELLED HEAD."

CANNOT DISREGARD TREATIES.

(Reuter's Service to *The China Mail*)

London, March 18.

Sir Francis Younghusband, in a letter to *The Times*, considers it more likely that China is the aggressor than Russia and says that China has suffered from a swelled head ever since the Russo-Japan war and that China seems to take it for granted that she can disregard treaty obligations with impunity in Kuldja as she has done in Tibet.

THE ATTITUDE OF CHINA.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service).

PEKING, March 17.

Prince Tsin To and H.E. Chang have proposed that troops should be stationed along the boundaries of Manchuria and Mongolia. The proposal has, however, been disconvenced by the Wu-wu-pu on the grounds that such a step would produce suspicion amongst the other Powers.

JAPAN AND ARBITRATION.

(Reuter's Service to *The China Mail*)

London, March 17.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said Japan was aware of the views of Great Britain respecting the reference of international disputes to arbitration, but it was quite undesirable at this stage to inform the House of anything which may have passed between the two Governments.

THE YUNNAN BOUNDARY.

(Wah Tsai Yat Po's Service).

PEKING, March 17.

The Wu-wu-pu have declared their intention to have the question of the Yunnan boundary submitted to the Hague.

His Excellency Liu Yak Lin has reported that the Foreign Office in London had declared that the withdrawal of troops and the Yunnan boundary question are two separate matters, and that even if the boundary question is settled a certain number of troops must remain there for the protection of commerce.

WEDDING AT THE UNION CHURCH.

Milne-Leslie.

An interesting wedding took place at the Union Church this morning, when Miss Annie Leslie, who only arrived from England a few days ago, was married to Mr. John Duncan Milne, Chief Officer of the *John S. Singan*. The Rev. C. H. Hickling was the officiating minister, while Police Sergeant James Lee acted as groomsman. A reception was subsequently held at the Grand Hotel. The honeymoon is to be spent at Stanley.

"FAUST" AT THE EMPIRE.

Although but rarely privileged to see and hear any of the great Italian operas in Hongkong, the public have an opportunity of seeing an excellent representation of "Faust" in the truly magnificent film which is being exhibited at the Empire Theatre. The film is of great length and faithfully depicts, in colour, a performance of the well-known opera.

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FAIRFIELD NOTES.

There are surprises even in sleepy Hongkong. Who would have thought on Thursday morning that before the shades of evening fell upon a drowsy and unsuspecting land that the Government would put up the price of drink? And if the general public did not know what was coming along, the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council were equally unconscious of the bomb about to throw.

It was most skilfully arranged. The gentlemen of the Press were informed just before the proceedings began that a "copy" would be allowed to be sent from the Council Chamber to their respective newspapers until a certain resolution about to be introduced was discussed and carried. And so a word leaked out before the vote was taken, and the Government got out its official notices to the liquor merchants a few minutes ahead of the reporter's "copy"; at 3.40 p.m. in fact, at which momentous time the new duties were enforced and the size of gin cocktails diminished proportionately.

It was a smart bit of work, undoubtedly, but the Colony does not quite like it all the same. The general feeling is that it was a bit too smart and that a little opportunity for the discussion of the subject should have been given, but, as Mr. Clementi pointed out in council, such would have defeated the ends of the Government, which were uniquely to prevent the tribute belonging rightly to Caesar falling into the pouch of Bacchus, as it is said to have done, before, at a time when the Government were not so wary.

It is, to continue in the classical vein a little longer, for the same reason that Mars and Neptune will also have to forego their "little bit"—the Government can't afford to part with any of "needed" these hard times. Mars and Neptune will no doubt grumble and call us poor, hardworking civilians mean cusses, but if all I have heard about the distribution of the military robotics in true things have occurred in regard to it; we were certainly never contemplated, when the Council so generously made the allowance in the first heavy flush of a possible tea tax accruing from the liquor duties.

I have often wondered at the plea which the military always bring forward when they want the civilian to put up some "enrollment" or other—the plea that the soldier deserves special consideration because he is ordered to this place or that and cannot leave it of his own free-will, while the civilian is free to come and go as he pleases. It sounds very nice, but strictly speaking it is bald-faced. The average civilian is far more tied down than the soldier. He very often cannot get away once having come here, because of many reasons connected with the earning of his bread and butter. Besides, the soldier is sure of a change in two years and he has not to worry about his passage money, or whether there will be work and tucker for him at the end of the voyage. Soldiers always forget these things; nor do they realise how much better off they are than the struggling civilian in the matter of recreations, hospitals, entertainments and other things. Of course they have some restrictions, but, good heavens, they must expect to have some, it is part of the understood price they pay for being in the Service, and they are but minor disadvantages compared with what a very large proportion of the civilian community have to put up with. But what is the use of talking, military men can never see these things from the civilian point of view.

There is many a European civilian in Hongkong to-day who would give his head to get out of the place but cannot. The high hopes he may have entertained on arrival have faded in the stern struggle for existence and as the years have flown by and the cost of living has increased, the possibility of even saving up a steamer passage has died down. To work on then with the confident certainty of eventually ridding the wavy bones in Happy Valley is all that lies before. There is no military transport available of such as these, with change of station every two years. And their numbers increase with the growing difficulty of scraping a living in the Crown Colony of Hongkong.

A recent dinner of the American Booksellers' Association, one of the souvenirs on the table was a paper-weight which bore this text:—"To write a book is an easy task; it requires only pen and ink and some patient paper. To print a book is slightly more difficult, because genius often expresses itself in illegible manuscript. To read a book is still more difficult, as one must struggle against sleep. But the most difficult task that anyone may attempt is to sell a book."

In America the word "rubber" is applied to anyone who is fond of prying into other people's business, and a man is said to be "rubbering" when he stares too persistently at a person or a thing. Not long ago an Englishman was travelling in an American railroad car, when a woman carrying a very plain and peculiar-looking child got in. The man stared at the child, quite fascinated by its ugliness. Again and again he looked at it, but always his gaze turned as if he were unable to help himself. At last the woman, exasperated, leaned forward and said to him and in an impressive voice said: "Rubber!" — "Thank Heaven," he replied, "I thought it was real!"

A few years ago an old woman from Derbyshire paid a visit to some friends living at a distance, who on the Sunday

she was staying with them, persuaded her to accompany the family to chapel. Taking her seat in the gallery, a distance from the pulpit, she appeared to listen very attentively to the sermon, when she suddenly began to weep. At the close of the sermon the minister sent for her into the vestry. "Now, my good woman, I saw you weep. May I ask what part of my sermon so affected you?" The dear old soul at once chorused out, "It was none of my sermon that affected me, for I couldn't hear a word to said, but seeing the jaws go wag, wag, and the board wobbling about, it made me think o' my auld billy goat as did a fortuit come Maen-day." The interview terminated abruptly.

Not so very long ago we remember a speech of Sir Henry Mayson on the occasion of the opening of the new Seaman's Institute in which he urged the benefits of abstainers to many of the leading figures in the Colony's sport as men who touched no intoxicants. Yet now the Government "growes" because the liquor duties have not been fruitful enough in revenue! If everybody were abstainers there would be no return at all from this source, so after all the thirsty folk do help us out of some of our troubles.

One friend of mine made no bones about his preference for the present form of taxation above all others, for, he said, he not only now enjoyed the consciousness when having his "peg" that he was contributing to the finances of the Colony, but at the same time he was getting a little enjoyment out of the process himself. In the case of Income Tax, however, it would be all "give" and no "take." Perhaps that's a selfish way of looking at the situation, but it's comforting anyhow.

RAMBLER.

SPORTING.

Hockey.

R.E. TAIKO.

This friendly encounter will take place on the military ground, at 3.15 p.m. on Monday. The R.E.'s will be represented by the following: Kelly, Woodford, Durant; Foreman, Daniels, Tamis; Teste, Hildebrand, Smith, Rogan, Callingsham.

Billiards.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT. The third series of games between the R.E. and K.O.Y.L.I. in the above competition took place on Friday night. The first pair to go to the table were Capt. Addison, R.E., and Pte. Spiegelhalter, K.O.Y.L.I. Capt. Addison held his man throughout, beating him by 70 points. The second game between Lieut. Aston, R.E. and Pte. Harris, K.O.Y.L.I., was equally interesting, the R.E. man, as in the first game, proving the winner by 54 points.

The scores up to date are as under:

ROyal ENGINEER	K. O. Y. L. I.
Cpl. Heathy.....250	Cpl. Harris.....212
Q.M.S. Starling.....203	Pte. Loukes.....250
Other.....246	Cpl. Dring.....250
S.S. Oodlind.....250	Pte. Scambridge.....250
Capt. Addison.....250	Pte. Spiegelhalter.....104
Lieut. Aston.....184	Pte. Harris.....184
Total.....1418	Total.....1322

WUCHOW NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Wuchow, March 16.

On their last trips the Nanming and the Saimon were loaded with army supplies to be sent into the interior from this place. There were over a thousand packages, including tents, cases of saddles, uniforms, etc. We understand it is mostly to be shipped from here to Nam Ning, Lau Chau and Kwai Lam. There were also a number of small junk loads of ammunition released on to small boats to be taken up the rivers to those places.

There has been quite an epidemic of measles recently. Of course it goes without saying that in an interior port like this there is no attempt to prevent the spread of the disease.

The plague is still in the city. Several hundred people have died of it and practically nothing has been done to check it. The officials have put out proclamations asking the people to be careful about keeping the drains clean, but nothing so far has been done. We understand that the gentry are now talking of establishing a "Kit Tsing Kuk" to further the work of cleansing the city. It is to be hoped that something will be done now that the warm weather is coming on.

The Sandpiper made a visit this week spending two days in port. The men availed themselves of the games at the recreation club, engaging in tennis and football.

New OPEN HOUSE.

Mr. Hunt, representing Burroughs and Company, visited the city this week in the interest of that firm.

Dr. G. A. Falton, of Canton, together with a company of tourist friends were here on Tuesday.

I have just learned of the death of W. A. Farmer, of the Christian Missionary Alliance. She died here last week and had been removed to Lau Chau but owing to ill health she had been removed to Kwai Ping some weeks ago, where it was hoped that the rest and a change of her condition would restore her to health. She was much loved both by Chinese and foreigners and her loss will be felt throughout South China.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

The old story, told times without number, and repeated over and over again for the last 27 years, but it is always welcome story to those in search of health. There is nothing in the world that cures coughs and colds as quickly as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

NEW GERMAN AIRSHIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Berlin, Feb. 15.

Another attempt is to be made to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible, and this time the adventurous proceeding is starting under German auspices. Dr. Fullige, the head of the Munich Military Aviation School, Prof. Alt, of the Munich Meteorological Station, a German engineer, a naval officer and a sailor, and Mr. Joseph Bricker of New York are the bold aeronautic explorers, and the undertaking is principally financed by the Swiss chocolate firm of Suchard, after "whom the dirigible" is called. The route followed is to be the line Columbus took, covering that part of the ocean which is fairly quiet, and still called by the Spaniards "The Ladies' Sea." Of course the season chosen will be that when there is very little fog—that of the north-east trade-winds, with which the currents consistently hope to drift without making much use of their motors. For escape in the event of accidents, the best precautions possible have been taken. The car of the airship is a motor boat 30 ft. in length, and furnished with two 200 h.p. motors, which can drive either the propellers of the dirigible or the screw of the boat. The car is also fitted with explosion-proof tanks containing 3000 litres of benzine, and an apparatus for drawing up water from the sea. The total capacity is 3,000 cubic feet, and it has small balloonets on the well-known Paraway system.

The principal difficulty to be contended with on a trip of the kind is the expansion of the gas under the influence of the sun's rays and the constant necessity of letting the gas escape. Mr. Bricker and Prof. Alt have put their wits together and devised a plan by which this can be avoided. A small pump, that can be worked by the engineer with one hand, fills a tube with water and conveys it to the top of the balloon, and there the water is—by a number of fine jets—sprayed over the entire surface of the envelope. This practical invention has been "repeatedly" tried with excellent results at Munich, and it proves that the shower of water played at intervals obviates the effects of the sun. The interesting aerial vessel was christened at Kiel a few days ago by Princess Heinrich. Her Royal Highness broke a bottle of champagne against the peak of the motor-boat, and bestowed the name of "Suchard" upon the ship. The dirigible, which is of the rigid system, is said to present a very solid and stable appearance; the gas-bag being made of much stouter material than that usually employed. It is also said that the vessel is capable of crossing the Atlantic in three ways—by the dirigible with the engines working, by the balloonets if the engines should fail, and finally, in the event of disaster, by the motor-boat. After the airship has been subjected to exhaustive tests over Kiel Harbour and Bay, she will be packed up and transported to the Cape Verde Islands whence she will attempt to cross to the American coast.

SAIGON/HONGKONG.—In this direction the rate has materially improved. Tonnage being scarce a vessel was able to obtain \$1 cents, full cargo 29/30,000 piculs to Colou. The Philippines had again to import rice from Rangoon, leading to the fixture of a 42,000 piculs boat at 43 cents to Manila, option 2 ports. I. at 45 cents per picul, also a much enhanced rate compared with the latest fixture.

Messrs Wm. G. Hale and Co., Saigon, report due to date of March 4th as follows:

"The presence in port of some tonnage and the immediate vicinity of more to lift contracts due, added to the meager arrivals of paddy from the Interior, keep our market high and firm precluding all new business; dealers being wisely reluctant to contract further without being first certain of supplies."

SAIGON/SINGAPORE.—Inquiries for tonnage have led to one fixture only, a vessel being chartered to Hongkong option Singapore, the rate working out at about 18 cents per picul. Further inquiries are still unilled.

Saigon/Java and Java/Hongkong.—The position is as unsatisfactory as before, there being very little doing in either direction.

BANGKOK.—Regular liners are well employed, rates having advanced to 32 cents "liner terms." The charter of the R.S. Germany has been arranged at 23/21 cents net.

COOL TRADE.—Several "outside" boats have been taken up for the conveyance of coconuts from Amoy and Swatow. The chief reason for this is the rubber boom and the great call for labour in the Straits, Malacca and the Dutch Indies.

COAL FREIGHTS.—Japan to the tonnage is difficult to obtain, especially for Canton. Charters reported as follows: Moji/Hongkong \$1.75, Fuko/Lant/Canton \$2.75, Hongkong/Pulo Brani \$3.25, and Hongkong/Pung \$3.25, per ton.

TIMECHARTERS.—Three settlements done locally are on record:—S.S. Fostering for a voyage hence to Mexico and back on timechart basis of \$9,000 per month; n.s. Spin 3/1 months at \$5250.00 per month for Cetio trade, and n.s. Brand for 3/8 months at \$5500 per month. Several vessels have been taken up on Timechart up North.

Sales.—German s.s. Knivsberg 646 tons N. Reg. has been sold Japan for £7,000.

Three further vessels s.s. Sing Lee, Sing Yue, and Lyophil are also reported sold in Shanghai for Taels 50,000, for breaking up purposes.

SHOCKING NEWS FROM YOUNGKONG.

The Chinese papers report that a very lawless condition of affairs prevails in the Youngkong district. The text of one article is "that brigands abound everywhere, and scatter themselves daringly. There is no distinction between the families of the rich and poor in regard to their daughters, for they are constantly being kidnapped, are taken to Macao, and from thence are sold to foreign ports." A few days ago a big village was looted, and the raiders numbered fifty persons. In addition to all the property of a man named I'm being stolen, there were five girls carried off. In another village, not more than a mile from the city, a gang of robbers appeared, and in this case fourteen women and girls were "stuffed and carried off. Steps were taken to redeem these, but they were carried away so far that no trace of their whereabouts can be found, and no ransom can be asked." Another case is mentioned, and in this instance the girls carried off, half were ransomed. Of those about one-half were ransomed. There were 16 girls, however, further details are not given, yet if these statements are true, and we can well imagine the restlessness of the Chinese people under their rulers. Moreover, these cases seem to be a bit of a sting in the state, that these kidnapped girls have been carried to Macao, and thence transhipped to foreign ports. It is not said that the authorities at Macao are in any way to blame for what is going on. On the other hand Chinese residents will associate the port with the trade, and this will engender bitterness in their minds. But the earlier facts are the things to remember, and to regret. Indeed, to say regret is to say too little. If young maid-servants being kidnapped in this wholesale way, and carried off ruthlessly to supply brothels in places to which the Chinese emigrate, then the Government should be recalled to its duty and put stop to such trade at once. Gambling is bad enough, but to support gambling and allow such deeds as are reported here to go on, and to take no effective steps to arrest the scoundrels, seem to destroy the fox but allowing the wolf to range at large.

BRITISH CONSULS AND TRADERS.

In the House of Commons on the 9th ult. Mr. Readall asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether His Majesty's Consular officers had any, and what, duties to English traders; whether it was their duty, or an act of grace on their part, to answer queries from British traders about the credit of foreign traders; whether it was usual for them to give answers on this point, and, if so, under what circumstances did they give such information; if it was not their duty to give such information, whether such a duty could be performed by them; and whether, with regard to the Consuls employed by the German Government, the duty was regularly performed to the advantage of German traders.

Mr. McKinnon Wood, in reply, said: It is the duty of His Majesty's Consular officers abroad to reply to inquiries addressed to them by British traders, except when they manifestly relate to the business of competing British firms or where the reply would be likely to prove injurious to British manufacturing interest. It is, however, no part of their duty to give opinions or to furnish confidential information as to the respectability, private character, or general reputation of individuals or firms, but they may at their discretion indicate what the standing of any firm is generally considered to be, while disclaiming official responsibility for the information. I have no reason for supposing that German Consular officers are in dealing with inquiries as to the credit of foreign firms.

COMMERCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Berlin, Feb. 15.

The freight market during the interval under review has undergone a change for the better. A distinctly firmer tone is ruling owing to the scarcity of tonnage, partly caused by the numerous sales of well-known coasting vessels to Japan lately, and partly by practically all Norwegian tonnage being taken up on timechart, a great deal of which is tied up for quite a length of time.

It is remarkable that all German tonnage, except such absolutely required to keep up the "regular lines," is also under timechart for still some time. The North reports that Tientsin has opened and there is a fair amount of cargo going up to that port. Fixtures from Newchwang to Swatow have already been effected on basis of 30 cents per picul, "liners terms," and as the plague seems to be abating it is hoped a revival of trade in the North will soon set in. If everything turns out as expected, and "regular liners" find sufficient profitable employment in their own sphere, it goes beyond saying that the present scarcity of tonnage will feel very much, and in consequence freights all round should stiffen.

SAIGON/HONGKONG.—Rates have gradually worked their way up to 18 cents with further offers at this rate unresponded to. Prompt tonnage being all employed, owners are keeping back and are holding out for higher rates.

SAIGON/PHILIPPINES.—In this direction the rate has materially improved. Further inquiry being scarce a vessel was able to obtain \$1 cents, full cargo 29/30,000 piculs to Colou.

The Philippines had again to import rice from Rangoon, leading to the fixture of a 42,000 piculs boat at 43 cents to Manila, option 2 ports. I. at 45 cents per picul, also a much enhanced rate compared with the latest fixture.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 1911.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT.

St. John's Cathedral.

Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.).

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Psalms; Psalms, of the 19th morning (II); Benedicite, Ward in; D. Benedict; Garrett in; G; Altham, "O taste and see," Goss.

Holy Communion (11.45 a.m.).

Kyrie, Hopkins in; Hymns, 262, 528 (Tune: 259).

Preacher, — Rev. Maurice Ponsonby, M.A.

Evenings (6.45 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms; Psalms, of the 10th evening (I); Magnificat, Hopkins (5th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Felton; Hymns, 20, 22 and 232.

Peak Church:

Holy Communion (8 a.m.).

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Minister — Rev. C. H. Hickling.

11 a.m.—Worship, Hymns, 219, 289, 297, Psalm 121 (French 65), Anthem.

"Leave us not," (Steiner), Subject: "The Disease of the Age."

3.30 p.m.—Sunday Schools.

6 p.m.—Worship, Hymns, 33, 444, 507, 52, 183.

Tuesday 5.30 p.m.—School Entertainment.

Wednesday 5.30 p.m.—Annual meeting of H.K. and New Territories Evangelization meeting.

Thursday 9 a.m.—Literary Club.

Friday 8.15 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Society.

St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Morning Service at 11 a.m.,

Holy Communion at noon.

Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. in British School.

Evening Service at 6 p.m.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West.

Matins 11 a.m.

Venite, Hayes; Psalms, Lawes, Macfarren; To Deau, Russell, Jones, Pye; Kyrie, Elvey; Hymns, 2, 39, 502, 565.

Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.

Psalm, Russell, Battishill, Battishill;

Magnificat, Turle (27th evening); Nine Dimittis, Monk (Over); Hymns, 53, 102, 507, 10.

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